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In re Application of :
Olaf GAWER, et al :
Application No. 10/574,368 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: January 16, 2007 :
Attorney Docket No. 2642.025 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 5, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, October 2, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 3, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1620; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1110 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on October 5, 2010, was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3753 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business.

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